

Combining Sentences and Sentence Parts

A. Directions: Combine each sentence pair. For compound and complex sentences, use the conjunction shown in parentheses.

1. A poor woodcutter lived in a humble cottage. He lived with his wife.

2. A fairy granted him three wishes. The couple discussed their good fortune at dinner. (*after*)

3. The hungry husband carelessly wished for a sausage. A huge sausage fell onto the table. (*when*)

4. The wife complained about his wasteful wish. The husband made another wish. (*because*)

5. How startled they were. They saw the sausage hanging from the wife’s nose! (*when*)

B. Directions: Rewrite the boxed paragraph on a separate sheet, combining sentences to make the writing more varied and interesting.

Homer composed epic poems in ancient Greece. He recited these poems. The *Odyssey* and the *Iliad* are two of his great works. Odysseus is the hero of the *Odyssey*. He travels home after a war. He experiences difficulties along the way. Many different characters delay him. Many events delay him. Scheming gods set traps for him. Horrible monsters set traps for him. Cyclops is a giant one-eyed monster. He captures and threatens Odysseus. Odysseus thinks fast. He invents a clever trick to escape. He and some of his companions blind the monster. They race to the shore and sail away. The furious Cyclops curses them. He vows revenge.